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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Cyprus Situation
(As of 4:00 PM EST)

1. Diplomatic efforts to avert armed conflict over Cyprus are continuing. On 21 November, the US, UK, and Canadian Ambassadors in Ankara obtained the agreement of Turkish Foreign Minister Caglayangil to a statement intended for transmittal to the Greeks for their approval as the basis for further negotiations. Such an interim solution would include: Turkish reaffirmation of the inviolability of Cyprus; withdrawal of all illegal Greek and Turkish forces on the island; an enlarged role for UNFICYP, including the supervision of disarmament of all but a new police force; payment of indemnity to Turkish Cypriots at Ayios Theodoros and Kophinou; and new security arrangements for the Turkish Cypriots which would not depend on the Greek Cypriots. The statement also emphasizes the desirability of direct Turkish-Greek negotiations.

2. Caglayangil emphasized that the Turks were not prepared to sit down with the Greeks until they gave evidence of their good faith by issuing a statement of their intent to withdraw their forces, and in fact began such a withdrawal. He explained that his government fears that the Greeks would accept the five points in principle and then "talk them to death." He therefore insisted that the statement specifically make a start toward withdrawal of the troops a prerequisite to renewed talks.

3. The US, UK, and Canadian Ambassadors in Athens, however, believe that these proposals do not have the slightest chance of being approved by the Greek Government. The US Ambassador states that if the Greeks receive and

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have to reject this proposal, the Turks will have their excuse for triggering an armed conflict. He feels that the Greeks might well agree to remove their troops as part of a negotiated settlement, but not as a prerequisite to talks.

4. The Greek Government has still not responded to the Turkish note of 17 November, and there is evidence that the Turks are becoming increasingly irritated by the delay.

5. The US Ambassador in Nicosia reports that President Makarios is now fully aware of the gravity of the problem, but that he continues to rely on outsiders to solve the situation for the Greek Cypriots. Although Makarios restated to the Ambassador his intention to send building materials and other supplies to assist in rehabilitation of Ayios Theodoros and Kophinou, but the Ambassador later learned that Cypriot officials had confiscated a truckload of Red Crescent supplies, including bread, cloth, and children's shoes on 20 November, and only released it the next day. Makarios has already warned that a Turkish invasion would necessitate moving against the Turkish enclaves to protect the government's rear.

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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Cyprus Situation
(As of 12:00 Noon EST)

1. No notable progress has been made toward a diplomatic solution of the Cyprus crisis. The crux of the problem remains the Turkish insistence that the illegal Greek troops must be removed from Cyprus before negotiations can begin. The U.S. Ambassador in Ankara believes that some movement must be made on this issue if Turkish military intervention is to be avoided.

2. All indications are that the Greeks will refuse to take such a first step, particularly under pressure. The new Greek Foreign Minister Pipinelis told the U.S. Ambassador that no ultimatum re the removal of Greek troops had been received directly from the Turks, and that it was important to avoid such an ultimatum for it would be rejected out of hand regardless of the consequences. Pipinelis stated that other tension-reducing steps must be taken before the question of Greek troops could be discussed. In his 21 November talk with Turkish Ambassador Tuluy, which Pipinelis said went "rather well," no mention was made of the removal of Greek troops.

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5. Cypriot Minister of the Interior and Defense Georkatzis said that he was carefully weighing American advice to contribute to a lessening of tension and had all but decided to announce the reduction of the Ayios Theodoros police detachment, which was sent in on 14 November, from 15 to 5 men. He was also ordering all police and military components to avoid responding to any Turkish provocations on the island.

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